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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF TIMOTHY P. MOYNIHAN

1. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ARRANGING THE DETAILS OF TIM MOYNIHAN'S TRAVEL TO DELHI. AS HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART EXETER THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MOYNIHAN WOULD WELCOME ALL DELIBERATE SPEED.

2. WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR HIM FROM THIS END AS FOLLOWS:

--BOSTON TO JFK, NATIONAL 007, DEPARTING BOSTON 1445 HOURS
DECEMBER 19.

-- JFK TO DELHI, AIR INDIA 106, DEPARTING NEW YORK 2000 HOURS
DECEMBER 19.

3. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO HELP (A) RE-CONFIRM THESE RESERVATIONS, (B) COMMUNICATE THE DETAILS OF THESE FLIGHTS TO TIM, (C) OBTAIN OR ARRANGE FOR THE TICKETS TO BE ISSUED, AND (D) GET THEM INTO TIM'S HANDS.

FOR PURPOSES OF CONTACTING TIM, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO OTHER THAN THROUGH HIS EXETER FACULTY ADVISOR, MR. ANDRE VERNET, WHOSE HOME TELEPHONE IS 603-772-2900.

5. FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUING THE TICKET, IT MAY BE THAT
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PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY CAN HANDLE THIS WITH A LOCAL EXETER

TRAVEL AGENCY, ONCE YOU HAVE THE DETAILS OF THE RESERVATION. VERNET WOULD KNOW THIS. IF THIS IS THE MEANS YOU EMPLOY--- AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM SIMPLEST AS FAR AS GETTING THE TICKET TO TIM-- AMBASSADOR REQUESTS THAT ACADEMY ADVANCE THE PAYMENT FOR THE TICKET, AND HE WILL SEND THEM A CHECK FROM HERE IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING THE AMOUNT.

6. ALTERNATIVELY, THE HARVARD TRAVEL SERVICE IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS. HAS HANDLED SUCH TICKETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MOYNIHAN FAMILY IN THE PAST, AND THEY HAVE A CHARGE ACCOUNT THERE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HARVARD TRAVEL HAS HAD TROUBLE REACHING TIM BY PHONE AND HAS ABANDONED THE EFFORT THIS TIME. PERHAPS IF YOU CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY PHONE CALLS, HARVARD TRAVEL WOULD BE ABLE TO ISSUE THE TICKET AND CHARGE IT TO THE MOYNIHANS' ACCOUNT. (REMINDER THAT THE TICKET MUST BE GOTTEN TO EXETER, OR ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR TIM TO COLLECT IT IN BOSTON ON WEDNESDAY BEFORE BOARDING THE PLANE.)

7. FAILING ALL OF THE ABOVE, MRS. MOYNIHAN REQUESTS THAT YOU CALL MRS. CAROL RAINWATER, A FAMILY FRIEND IN CAMBRIDGE, AT 617-492-7682, AND ASK HER TO OBTAIN THE TICKET FOR TIM, INCLUDING ADVANCING THE PAYMENT IF NECESSARY, AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET IT TO HIM.

8. WOULD YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT LUCK YOU ARE HAVING. SORRY TO UNLOAD THIS ONTO YOU AT THE LAST MOMENT, BUT THE MAILS ARE TOO SLOW AND THE AIRLINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS HAVE FAILED UTTERLY.

9. FYI, TIM'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IS THE FIRST HALF OF AN EXCURSION TICKET, AND SHOULD BE PURCHASED AT THE SPECIAL FARE WHICH, THE LAST TIME WE LOOKED, WAS \$475 NEW YORK -- NEW DELHI -- NEW YORK. THE RETURN FLIGHT CAN BE LEFT "OPEN" FOR NOW, AND WE'LL FILL IT IN AT THIS END. THE BOSTON-NEW YORK LEG WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE. MANY THANKS. MOYNIHAN

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